

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 3:03 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəy̓ əm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓ íl witulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓ əm (Kwikwetlem) and q̓icəy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Committee Composition

VP University Relations (<i>Chair</i>)	Gabe Liosis
VP External Relations	Samad Raza
Faculty Representative (Science).....	WeiChun Kua
Faculty Representative (Health Sciences)	Nafoni Modi
Faculty Representative (Education).....	Emerly Liu
Faculty Representative (Environment)	Anuki Karunajeewa
Student At Large	Jess Dela Cruz
Student At-Large	Pariya Zabihi
Student At Large	Priyanka Dhesa
Student At Large	Helen Araghi
Student At Large	Simranpreet Dhadda
Student At Large	Zoya Nari

3.2 Society Staff

Campaign, Research, and Policy Coordinator	Sarah Edmunds
Transition Manager	Lawrence Jones

3.3 Council Representative

Political Science Councillor.....	Helen Sofia Pahou
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3.4 Guest

At-Large Representative	Phum Luckkid
President	Osob Mohamed
SFU SPIRG & Tuition Freeze Now Representative	Anita Bhuiyan
Environmental Science Student Union Representative	Caitlin Heide
TSSU Organizer.....	Ed Graham

3.5 Regrets

Student At Large	Zoya Nari
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3.6 Absent

Student At Large	Priyanka Dhesa
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4. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS

4.1 MOTION UAA 2020-08-11:01

Gabe/Nafoni

Be it resolved to ratify regrets from Zoya Nari.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Amended to remove Jess Dela Cruz and replace her with Zoya Nari.
- Student At Large (ZN) was not available due to personal reasons.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION UAA 2020-08-11:02

Gabe/Jess

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY

- Add Discussion 8.1.3 Tuition Increase in the Fall.
- Move 8.3 Email Campaign to 8.1.4.
- Add Update 7.5 Meeting with the Faculty Association.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Appointing a Vice Chair for UAA Committee – MOTION UAA 2020-08-11:03

Gabe/Anuki

Be it resolved to appoint Pariya Zabihi as Vice Chair of the University and Academic Affairs Committee.

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- VP University Relations sent emails out about the position to see if there was an interest.
- Vice Chair role is low commitment, but important to have a back-up.
- Three people have expressed interest over email.
 - Helen Araghi is interested because she's looking for new opportunities to grow, learn new skills, and has enjoyed her time at the SFSS.
 - Priyanka Dhesa was absent.
 - Pariya Zabihi is interested because she's passionate about social justice issues which translate to this committee. Will be hard working, and also would like to work more closely to shadow VP University Relations.
- Faculty Representative (Science) voted for Pariya.
- Faculty Representative (Health Sciences) voted for Pariya.
- Faculty Representative (Education) voted for Helen.
- Faculty Representative (Environment) voted for Pariya.
- Student At-Large (JDC) voted for Helen.
- Student At-Large (PZ) voted for Pariya.
- Student At-Large (HA) voted for Helen.
- Student At-Large (SD) voted for Pariya.
- Political Science Councillor voted for Helen.
- VP External Relations voted for Pariya.
- Amend motion to replace X with Pariya Zabihi.

7. UPDATES

7.1 COVID-19 Coalition (President and VP External Relations)

- No major updates since Townhall.
- Some efforts to update the demands.

7.2 Joint Operations Group (VP University Relations and President)

- There is a \$48 million carry over in the University budget.
 - GSS asked how restricted this money is, and if some of it can be put towards student aid and financial support?
 - Carry over builds over time and Board of Governors will be discussing the budget, but about \$43 million of it will be going to COVID 19 losses, security increases and cleaning costs.
 - Fall enrollment numbers are on track but can still drop.
- Changing the SFU Clan name
 - Decision will take place around mid-August, and name change will occur by the end of the Summer semester.
- Exam Proctoring Software
 - SFSS gave their reasoning for why they are opposed to it such as stress and invasion of privacy.
 - Admin noted academic freedom for professors, maintain academic integrity, mitigate academic dishonesty, and students wanting assurances that other students aren't cheating.
 - Maintaining balance has been difficult.
- University publishes their budget which is where you would likely find the carry over.

7.3 Working Group on Emergency Response and Student Engagement (VP External Relations)

- Food hub Sustainable Averages
 - 30 people every week.
 - Average has increased to 55.
 - Model used to be a pickup pre-made bag, changed it to a walk-in marketplace model to eliminate waste.
 - VP Student Services created a video.
 - Potential for increasing engagement level by using leftover food to create an online SFSS Cooking show.
 - Potential to get people to send in their cooking videos and draw for prize.
 - Will be receiving various fresh produce this week.
- Hopefully it can continue to go past October.
- If you're interested in volunteering, talk to VP External Relations. Trying to limit how many people come on campus.
- Katrina Chen might be visiting the food hub next week and has offered to help SFSS connect with different partners in the food industry. If President is available to attend when she does, that would be great.

7.4 Working Group on Anti-Black Racism (Faculty Representatives (Health Science and Environment))

- Got some people from BIPOC committee to join in, and there will be a briefing with them this week.
- Working on getting a petition out and writing letters that will be sent out to faculty and deans.
- Potential email campaign to professors to implement anti-racism curriculum in their courses.

7.5 Meeting with the Faculty Association (VP University Relations and President)

- Had meeting with President and Vice President of SFU Faculty Association (FA) to see if there are pain points for SFSS and FA to handle together.

- Bridge gap of communication between students, faculty and SFU administration.
- Faculty are the first to hear student concerns and have huge impact on students through their course choices.
- Brought up exam invigilation, synchronous learning and syllabus transparency.
- FA is a big believer in academic freedom over everything else but do want syllabus transparency.
 - Academic freedom is important, but some professors are not accommodating and aren't good at communicating with students.
- Share respective COVID-19 survey results with each other.
- Will have another meeting in September.
- Political Science Councillor and SFU SPIRG & Tuition Freeze Now Representative left at 4PM.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 COVID-19 Academic Advocacy

8.1.1. SOLE Survey

- No appetite from the university to listen to what SFSS and students has been saying whether it's been from a survey, a townhall or other methods.
- University has conducted a survey on certain aspects of how students have found online learning.
 - ~4800 students participated, mainly domestic students.
 - 50% prefer a mix of synchronous and a-synchronous, 33% completely a-synchronous, and 15% completely synchronous.
 - Important to students to see their professors are present via answering emails and providing feedback. Want to also be able to provide feedback about professors.
 - Less important included engaging with other students, having interactive course materials, and having professors answer questions via discussion boards.
 - Most helpful is having more assignments, and easy access to lecture recording.
 - Less helpful is group projects and having discussion in small groups or breakout rooms.
 - No discussion around exam invigilation, how their professors are conducting themselves, and effects on mental health.
 - It has good information but missing a lot of information.
 - VP External Relations was cc'd in an email from a student that included a petition with 3,000 signatures regarding Pass/Fail grading to Jon Driver. Previous ones have gotten over 6,000 signatures.
 - Last time, Jon Driver has been saying that students know what they are getting into so there's not reason to bring Pass/Fail back.
 - Lack of recognition that many students are in precarious situations financially and otherwise.
 - VP University Relations has been trying to bring it back on to the Senate floor without any luck.
 - Need to continue to mobilize channels online.
 - SFSS didn't get a chance to create their own petition before this one was published but will share it on their social media.

8.1.2. Second SFSS COVID-19 Survey

- Survey will mimic the one in Spring to compare the results of both surveys to see if things have improved or gotten worse.
- Getting information in context of a Summer semester.
- Time zones, internet connection, and more opportunity for open ended questions.
- Goal is to have survey out by end of exam period.

- Needing more qualitative answers but giving students the option of writing and multiple choice depending on their capacity.
- The survey is long but includes necessary questions.
 - Potential of sending it out in parts based on topics.
 - But not wanting to abuse mailing list as students stop opening emails if SFSS sends too many.
 - More effective to cut questions, but it doesn't seem much longer than the last survey the SFSS sent out.
- Look at the questions before the end of the week and let VP University Relations know what you think.
- President, Faculty Representative (Science), and Faculty Representative (Environment) left at 4:29PM.

8.1.3. Tuition Increase in the Fall

- Being increased despite pandemic, and it happened quietly.
- There has been no effort to decrease tuition despite decrease in education quality.
- Tuition Strikes is an option. Would need to go to DSUs to see if they want to participate then bring it to Council who would need to recommend it to the Board.
 - Would also need a strike fund to help students pay late fees if the tuition strike fails.
- Getting the tuition strike approved at an AGM is another possibility.
- TAs and Sessional Instructors are putting a lot of time into courses so the argument about decrease in education quality argument can be damaging in that sense and may need to be changed.
 - It's a decrease in working conditions and workload as well.
 - Lack of discussion around reduction in tuition is the problem.
- Post secondary education is not supposed to be a burden on students. Look into Tuition Freeze Now's framing.
- Need to brainstorm what can be done to draw attention to students and mobilize students virtually.
- Need to have this discussion with Tuition Freeze Now as well.
- Talking to other B.C. school's unions as another option.
 - Currently an internal matter, but worth talking to other schools to see if they are also facing tuition increase issues.
 - Reaching out to other unions and discussing with them will take quite a big of time as everyone has different needs and opinions.
 - It's worth doing both.
 - VP External Relations will bring this up to External and Community Affairs Committee.
- Vince Tao, another organizer at TSSU, is willing to help with this.
- Tuition Freeze Now has attended budget consultations and presented to the Board of Governors but they just aren't listening.
 - Tendency for SFU to ignore student demands, so likely will need to escalate.
- VP University Relations will look into the possibility of holding a Special General Meeting.
- TSSU Organizer will schedule a meeting with Vince Tao and SFSS members.
- The late fee during a pandemic is another thing that needs to be fought against as well.
- Student Activity Fee is SFSS's membership fee. Paying for the Board's advocacy and for them to be available to support student unions, clubs and constituency groups.

8.1.4. Email Campaign

8.2 UAA Committee Development Sessions

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 Next UAA Meeting Tuesday, August 25th, 2020 at 3PM-5PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 MOTION UAA 2020-08-11:04

Helen A./Anuki

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:08PM.

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